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# FALSE TAX REFORM CLAIMS

**Claim:** Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said that the GOP tax cuts provide “at least \$1.3 trillion tax break for corporations.”

**Fact Check:** *FactCheck.org* said this claim is “**misleading**.” They cited from the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation: “In its entirety, the new law will cut taxes by an estimated \$1.5 trillion over 10 years for all taxpayers, including \$1.1 trillion for individual taxpayers.”

**Claim:** Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said that “86 million middle-class families will see a tax increase.”

**Fact Check:** *The Washington Post* gave her **two pinocchios**, stating: “most U.S. taxpayers can expect some kind of tax cut, according to just about every analysis.”

**Claim:** WI State Rep. Kelda Helen Roys said “Never let the GOP tell you again that they support low taxes. They don’t—unless you’re already a billionaire or a massive corporation.”

**Fact Check:** *PolitiFact* gave her a “**pants on fire**” rating, saying tax reform “would lower individual income tax rates for the middle class, and most people in lower-income households would see cuts, as well.”

**Claim:** Senator Chuck Schumer said companies were “laying off American workers” because of tax reform.

**Fact Check:** *PolitiFact* gave him a “**mostly false**” rating, highlighting that “the layoff rate has actually been declining consistently.”

**Claim:** CA Assemblyman Phil Ting said that the GOP tax cuts are “nothing more than a middle-class tax increase.”

**Fact Check:** *PolitiFact* gave him a “**false**” rating, citing estimates stating over 90 percent of middle-income households will see tax relief.

**Claim:** Senator Claire McCaskill said that the GOP tax cuts are “not going to be helpful to the vast majority of people.”

**Fact Check:** *The Washington Post* gave her **two pinocchios**, stating: “she ignores the more immediate impact of the law, which probably means noticeable tax cuts for her constituents for a number of years.”

**Claim:** Dozens of Democrats continue to state that 83 percent of all tax breaks go to the top 1 percent.

**Fact Check:** *FactCheck.org* said this claim is “**misleading**” because it cites projections for 2027, when the individual tax cuts are set to expire. But don’t worry, **Republicans are working to lock in this needed tax relief for our middle-class families.**